



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Kentucky Exposition Center

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Student World Robotics Championship Returns to Kentucky Exposition Center

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (April 14, 2016) — More than 1,000 student robotic teams from 37 countries will compete during VEX Worlds Championship April 21-23 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. Twenty of those teams will represent schools from the Bluegrass State.

VEX Worlds draws 15,000 students, who compete by playing two games with student-built robots. The 'VEX IQ Challenge Bank Shot' requires players to score points by emptying cutouts, getting balls into the scoring zone and goals, and parking robots on the ramp. The second event, the 'VEX Robotics Competition Nothing But Net,' requires students to score balls and bonus balls in low and high goals, and elevate robots in the climbing zone.

The championship is the culmination of a full season of more than 12,000 teams designing, building and competing at local, regional and state events. Only the top teams qualify for the world event.

The competition is divided into five divisions: elementary, two middle school categories, high school and university students. Kentucky teams are registered to compete across four of the five divisions, with teams from Saint Agnes School and Slaughter Elementary School of Louisville, and five teams from Hardin County.

The championship is operated by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, which works to increase student interest and involvement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics by engaging students in hands-on robotics engineering programs.

This event is free and open to the public. Competitions will take place 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday, and 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.

For more information, visit www.roboticseducation.org/vex-robotics-competitionvrc/vrc-world-champ.

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One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center features 1.2 million square feet of contiguous exhibit space including Freedom Hall, an indoor arena which seats over 19,000 people. The facility's class "A" exhibit space totals 677,000 square feet and accommodates an amazing spectrum of events year round. The expo center is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, Kentucky Hoopfest and the North American International Livestock Exposition. For more information, go online to www.kyexpo.org.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. The spacious grounds have 19,000 parking spaces and is accessible from six gates surrounding the facility. Gates are located off of Phillips Lane, Crittenden Drive and Preston Highway. Parking at the Kentucky Exposition Center is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.